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Info:

Reference our telephone conversation this afternoon, it is Department's considered view that your accompanying Colonel Monzon to San Salvador and presence there during conference between Monzon and Castillo Armas would be subject to serious misinterpretation, particularly in rest this hemisphere where it would inflate propaganda against U.S. for alleged complicity in movement against Arbenz government. Present anti-U.S. feeling serious on this issue and further damage to U.S. position could only be justified on basis sheer necessity.

If in your judgment conference agreement and consequent stabilization anti-Communist government can only be assured by exercise your personal influence on the spot, you may proceed to participate after weighing these serious adverse factors. In the alternative, you should consider sending one of your defense attaches, whose presence might not weigh as seriously.

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